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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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LIMDIS

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS:ENRG

SUBJECT:ALLEGED JAPANESE BID FOR KUWAITI PARTICIPATION CRUDE

REF: KUWAIT 2174

1. EMBASSY TOKYO REQUESTED TO LOOK INTO VERACITY OF  
RUMORED JAPANESE HIGH PRICE OFFERS FOR KUWAIT PARTICI-  
PATION CRUDE ASAP. (BEGIN FYI: THESE RUMORS COULD WELL  
BE PLANTS BY KUWAITIS AS PART OF CAMPAIGN TO STAMPEDE  
GULF AND BP TOWARD ACCEPTING HIGHER BUYBACK PRICES.

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SUCH OFFERS RUN COUNTER TO PRICE RESTRAINTS WHICH GOJ

HAS HERETOFORE PLACED UPON JAPANESE COMPANIES END FYI).

2. FOR LONDON: WE ASSUME HMG IS ALSO AWARE OF THESE  
RUMORS AND IS MOVING TO CHECK THEM OUT. WE WOULD BE  
INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE RESULTS OF THEIR SOUNDINGS  
IN TOKYO AND/OR ELSEWHERE. BROWN

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